

AID TO THE POOR THEME OF TALK

Annual Meeting of the
Board of Charities.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Robert W. De Forest, President of New
York Body, Speaks Upon Organ-
ized Charity.

The Associated Charities held its annual meeting last night at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the presence of a large assemblage of persons interested in the work of the association.

Justice David C. Brewer was elected president to succeed Justice A. B. Hagner, who had signified his intention of declining office if it was offered to him again.

Addresses were made during the evening by Robert W. De Forest, president of the Charities Organization Societies of New York, and Charles F. Weller, secretary of the local Associated Charities. Reports were submitted reviewing the work of the society in Washington during the past year.

Devotional exercises at the opening of the meeting were conducted by the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the church. Justice Hagner presided during the evening, and following the election of officers turned over the office to Justice Brewer.

Association's Finances.

The report of Archibald Hopkins, chairman of the finance committee, showed that the work of the association during the year ended July 1, 1904, cost \$11,563.30, or about \$1,000 a month. The salaries of the general secretary, division agents, trained nurses and others employed by the society amounted to \$2,570.34. Contributions amounted to \$12,372.92, and this with a balance of \$3,899.97 in bank July 1, 1904, left a balance of \$3,232.92 in the treasurer's hands on July 1, 1904.

Mr. Weller Speaks.

The report of Secretary Weller reviewing the work of the association in detail was illustrated with stereoscopic views. The records of the society, he said, show that during the twelve months ended July 1, 1904, application for help were received from 9,967 needy families. One-third of these applications came from business firms, schools, churches, and other charitable agencies.

Investigation of the applications resulted in the association giving assistance to 3,888 families, including 11,405 individuals. About two-fifths of these assisted families were of the needy class. About 47 per cent of the needy families were white, and 53 colored. In co-operation with the Associated Charities last year were 238 organizations.

Mr. Weller said that one of the most beneficial forms of volunteer service is the collection of small savings, or the savings stamp system. There were sixty-three volunteers, he said, who assisted the seven division agents last year in calling every week at 2,566 homes to collect 5, 10, or 25 cents weekly savings. During the past six years this collection has increased from \$20.34 in 1888, to \$3,415.72 in the past year.

Public School Help.

In regard to the co-operation of the public schools with associated charities, Mr. Weller said material aid was given in the past year from 730 of these sources.

Speaking of the campaign against consumption Mr. Weller reviewed the efforts of the people to combat that disease. He told of the erection of various tents and a dispensary and said a new hospital camp, such as "Camp Good Will," is needed for the treatment of the victims of the disease. The trouble is, he said, that the city has not realized the civic value of trying to save some of the 800 workers who are not slain by this curable disease.

In deaths from consumption, said Mr. Weller, Washington ranks third, being exceeded only by Los Angeles and Denver, where dying consumptives resort from all parts of the country.

Mr. De Forest's Address.

Organized charity was the theme of Mr. De Forest's address, in which he said, in part:

"All the later forms of relief are intended to remove causes of suffering, to prevent the actual suffering or want occurs. Acts of indiscriminate relief represent the first stage of altruistic development.

"Such indiscriminate, individual, temporary relief marks the childhood of most charitable effort. To that period belong the 'Good Monks' and the 'Ladies Bountiful' of medieval times, who passed around loaves each day from the castle gates. Many people even in this enlightened time are still in their childhood period. Such misdirected 'charity' brings no shame to children. The impulse is right. Charities are not expected to reason beyond it. But such 'charity' does bring shame to mature men and women who are expected to regulate their impulses by reason.

"Preventive work marks the maturity of philanthropic effort. To remove the cause of social disease is a more effective than to remove the disease when it has begun to show itself. Its removal not only relieves the suffering of the one who is stricken, but saves from it many others who would otherwise inevitably become its victims.

Preventive work may lack the feminine attraction of the personal touch, but it has the masculine attraction of a new and mighty social force."

WILLIAM WHEATON HURT BY AN AVENUE CAR

William Wheaton, of 1228 Florida Avenue northwest, while crossing the Avenue at Tenth Street this morning about 8:30 o'clock, was struck by an east-bound Capital traction car.

The car struck Mr. Wheaton and dragged him from the intersection of Tenth Street to a point in front of the Salvation Army headquarters, a distance of about twenty yards. He landed in a heap, and although stunned was not unconscious. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where it was found that he was very badly bruised and shaken up.

IRISH PARLIAMENTARY FUND GETS \$15,000

BOSTON, Nov. 12.—Contributions aggregating \$15,000 to the Irish parliamentary fund have been forwarded to Ireland from this city by the United Irish League within a week.

The amount included \$12,000 from Philadelphia.

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ROBERT W. DE FOREST



PROMINENT TENEMENT HOUSE REFORMER.
President of the Charity Organization Societies of New York.

TELLS COLONEL MOSBY HE TOOK WRONG COAT OF LOVE FOR SOUTH IN FIT OF ABSTRACTION

President, in Personal Letter, Expresses
Grief for Attacks Made Upon Him
From That Quarter.

President Roosevelt's most recently expressed sentiments toward the South are contained in a letter to Col. John S. Mosby, of the Department of Justice. Colonel Mosby refrained from publishing it during the campaign, as he felt that the President's motives would be misunderstood. In September he forwarded a letter written by Judge Roulhac, of Birmingham, Ala., to Oyster Bay, and in commenting upon the sentiments expressed in it by a Confederate veteran, President Roosevelt said:

"My Dear Colonel Mosby: That is a fine letter of Southern sentiment, and I appreciate it. I have always been a Southerner myself, and I can say with all possible sincerity that the interests of the South are exactly dear to me as the interests of the North. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Col. John S. Mosby, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C."

OLD BOYS CONTEMPLATE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Plans for the permanent organization of the Old Boys' Fremont and Lincoln Club were enthusiastically discussed at a meeting of the club last night. Dr. Robert Heyburn presided in the absence of President Marble.

Theodore De Land made the address of the evening, urging permanent organization. As it has been in the past the society has really existed only during Presidential election years. There are now branches in many States.

The speaker advocated an effort to spread the organization. President Roosevelt is a junior member of the organization.

J. J. McCarthy, D. W. Wood, and Dr. George H. Corey also favored the project.

DR. WARREN LECTURES ON SCENES IN MEXICO

At the M Street High School last night Charles F. Warren delivered the sixth lecture in the course of free lectures to the people, which is being given by the authorities of the public schools of the District.

Mr. Warren took for his subject "Mexico," and with the aid of stereoscopic views he gave his audience a most interesting and instructive talk on that fascinating country.

Mr. Warren concluded with a high tribute to President Diaz, who, he said, was one of the great characters of this century, and responsible for the remarkable development of his country.

The next lecture in this series will be given at the M Street school on November 25, when George H. Horton will talk on "Russia and Japan."

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General Miles May Lead Massachusetts Militia

Governor-Elect Douglas Invites Him to Be-
come Adjutant General to Succeed
Samuel Dalton.

Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, will be asked by William L. Douglas, governor-elect of Massachusetts, to become adjutant general of that State, to succeed Adjutant General Samuel Dalton.

Such is the story which has gained circulation in Boston, and is credited by military men. William L. Douglas and General Miles are personal friends, and Mr. Douglas, who is desirous of making a complete reorganization of the Massachusetts militia, is said to have asked the former commander of the army to undertake the task.

Militia Excited.

Rumors that so big a change in the volunteer militia is pending have kept military circles in a high state of excitement since the election. It carried out it will be the biggest change for twenty-one years, since Governor Butler named General Dalton to be adjutant general. The change will probably mean a complete reorganization of the State militia, and may involve a shaking up of the governor's staff, although it is probable that the bulk of the staff members will be reappointed. General Miles is now in Texas with a large party investigating rice properties, and it is not known whether he will accept the appointment.

Native of Massachusetts.

General Miles is a Massachusetts man by birth and ancestry, and has recently bought back the old home in Westmin-

ster, where he was born and where he expects to die.

The general was a clerk in a Boston crockery store on Washington Street when the civil war began, and recruited Company B of the Twenty-second Massachusetts Infantry by borrowing \$2,500 from a wealthy uncle, and \$1,000 was given him by his father. He was commissioned as captain, but at the request of Governor Andrew gave up his commission and accepted one as first lieutenant of the company.

Within a few months the lad who had been considered too young to lead a company was winning bright laurels leading half a regiment into battle, and a year after he had enlisted was given the lieutenant colonelcy of the Sixty-first New York Infantry, was colonel of the regiment in less than a month, and brigadier general of volunteers in 1864. He was three times wounded and his career sparkled with brave exploits.

Fighting the Indians.

His genius as an Indian fighting was revealed as the commanding officer of the Indian Territory expedition in 1874-75, and in his brilliant campaigns manufacturing good Indians out of bad ones, and making possible the development of the Western States by curbing their inroads and capturing their greatest chief, Geronimo.

He was commissioned major general in 1890, took command of the Department of the East in 1894, and in 1895 was appointed general of the United States army.

General Miles retired from active service in the army August 8, 1895.

Negro Candidate Will Make Another Contest

George E. Taylor, Only Black Ever Nomi-
nated for the Presidency, Already Plan-
ning Another Campaign.

Few voters know it, but there was a negro candidate for President in the recent campaign.

His name was not on the ballots in any State in the Union, still he was the regularly nominated candidate of the National Liberty party, chosen at the convention of that party held in East St. Louis.

This candidate who was so generally ignored is George E. Taylor, of Ottumwa, Iowa, a full-blooded negro, who has developed into a leader among the black of the Middle West.

Undaunted by the snub which the Na-

tional Liberty party had in the recent campaign, Taylor is preparing to again enter the race in four years, and says he hopes to have a thorough organization of men of his color by that time.

From a homeless waif, Taylor has developed into a forceful politician. Lack of funds prevented him from carrying through his campaign on the lines laid down at the East St. Louis convention, but through clubs which are already being organized he hopes to raise sufficient money among men of his race to carry on the campaign in 1908.

Taylor has the distinction of being the only black man ever named for the Presidency by the convention of a national party.

D. K. E. FRATERNITY HOLDS SOCIAL SMOKER

Col. John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner of the District, presided at a very enjoyable smoker held by the Washington Alumni Association of the D. K. E. last evening at the University Club.

Arrangements were made for the winter meetings of the fraternity, which is now in session in Chicago. The following members were present:

Col. John Biddle, U. S. A.; Capt. A. L. Varney, U. S. N.; L. S. Tilton, G. R. Wales, T. R. Robinson, F. D. Mullan, W. B. Maxon, H. L. Prince, Dr. C. F. Langworthy, E. B. Chamberlain, A. B. Coudage, C. A. Flagg, William Twombly, W. W. Hite, J. C. Barrill, L. G. Roxtom, Charles B. Hallcock, Louis W. Austin, L. B. Howery, H. D. Spencer, W. J. Wallis, E. B. Bickfeldt, R. G. Povey, A. C. Merriam, D. W. Wight, G. H. Clement, J. H. Whitney, W. W. Rich, F. C. Bryan, F. W. Collins, L. G. Baker, and W. S. Broughton.

CONCILIATION BOARD REACHES NO DECISION

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Consideration of differences between anthracite coal miners and their employers was again taken up yesterday, when the anthracite conciliation board met in this city. The dispute concerning wage payments on the sliding scale was discussed briefly, and the proposition that awards should be made retroactive considered, but decision postponed in respect to both matters.

BOY BEGGAR SAVES \$1,000 BY PANHANDLING

MAHANAOY CITY, Pa., Nov. 19.—With his right hand incased in a blackberry stained sling, Joseph Tomash, seventeen years old, was taken into custody yesterday for begging. The injury to his hand and a limp proved a sham. Later the lad confided to an officer that he has saved \$1,000 by his panhandling. He was sent to jail.

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